from 1st January 1986 to 28th February, 1987 for change of routes and timings of trains connecting Bihar and Delhi/New Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Representations have been received for change in the route and timings of 915/916 New Delhi- Puri Express and 101/102Ho New Delhi Rajdhani Express. The present arrangements are in best interest of the travelling public.

Passenger amenities at railway stations in Bihar

1754. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether any representations have been received by government during the last three years for providing additional passnger facilties/amenities at various railway stations in Bihar;

(b) if so, the names of such stations where passenuger amenties had been demanded; and

(c) the amount allocated by the concerned Railway for providing such amenities during each of the past three years separately for each year including the current and the ensuring financal years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)to (c) The inforamtion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Youth Policy

1755. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Youth Policy so far; and

(b) if so, what are the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) After consultation with young persons in two national seminars, a draft youth policy incorporating the ideas of the youth has been prepared and is now under circulation to the State Governments/Union Territory Administration, Ministries/ Departments in the Government of India and Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of the youth for comments. It is proposed to discuss the draft youth policy at a Conference of State Ministers in charge of Youth Affairs and then finalise it for being placed before the Parliament.

दूरसंचार के मामले में शहरी और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के बीच असमानता

1756. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दूरसंचार के मामले में बड़े शहरों और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के बीच मामूली असमानता है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस संबंध में ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों की सारी जिम्मेदारी विभाग के विभागेत्तर कर्मचारियों को सौंपदी गयी है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि ऐसे व्यक्तियों को, जिन्हें ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में डाक पोस्ट-मास्टर नियुक्त किया जाता है, सेवाओं को चलाने के लिए अपने मकान देने पड़ते हैं जिनका उन्हें किराया नहीं दिया जाता है और ;

(घ) बड़े शहरों में इस प्रकार के डाकघरों का प्रतिशत कितना है और गांवों और शहरों के बीच असमानता बनाये रखने के क्या कारण हैं;